

Bubbling Bingham puts skids under Leicester

By JOHN BROMLEY: Luton 4, Leicester 1

THE Kenilworth-road crowd stayed to the end of this sizzling fourth-round replay to cheer off the field the man they had been jeering for most of the season—Allan Brown.

A sensational hat-trick that included two goals in 30 seconds by the dark-haired Scottish international swept Leicester right out of the Cup.

In this hammering of ragged Leicester, Brown grabbed his chances with the snap and speed of a striking cobra.

And behind this triumph of the man who hit back was Billy Bingham, the impish little genius of a right-winger with the courage to match his class.

It was bubbling Bingham who put the skids under Leicester.

Alf Ramsey, manager of Ipswich, who entertained Luton in the fifth round, must have been shuddering at the brilliance of this man Bingham.

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Right away, Bingham started his sizzling sorcery and within nine minutes Luton were ahead.

The little fellow had the crowd screaming as he beat burly Baillie to whip over a precision centre. And there was Brown to head wide of MacLaren.

Just 10 minutes later, Bingham's corner was headed down to the left by Bob Morton and Gregory—in cracking form—lashed in a left-footed drive to chalk up Luton's second goal.

Then to that blistering 30-second spell by Brown just after half time. A long ball down the middle—Luton kept plugging away with these tactics—was sliced clear and Brown slammed in a low drive.

Seconds later—in the 57th minute—the broth of a boy Bingham engineered Luton's fourth goal. He put Gregory away and the left-winger supplied Brown with a dream chance. The inside-right did not miss.

Leicester's lone goal came in the 88th minute. Right-winger Howard Riley floated over a corner and outside-left Leek nodded it wide of Baynham.

An unhappy baptism for Mat Gillies, appointed manager of Leicester hours before the game. But he should take heart. On this performance Luton are a cracking good Cup side.